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VAIHINGEN FOR ECJ3 ONLY TO BE PASSED URGENTLY TO AMB TOON

URGENT EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR TOON SCHEDULED TO BE AT
EURCOM FLIGHT OPERATIONS

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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL PENETRATION

REF: MOSCOW 12318 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON JUNE 21 U. N. KUZNETSOV, DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION
FOR SERVICES TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS (UPDK), CALLED IN
CHARGE AND MADE THE FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT. AT THE RE-
QUEST OF THE LOCAL CITY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, UPDK
DEMANDED THAT THE HEATING CHIMNEY WHICH SERVED THE NEIGH-
BORING BUILDING AT 4 DEVYALINSKIY BOLSHOI PEREULOK BE
RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION PRIOR TO MAY 26.
SPECIFICALLY THE MASONARY WALL IN THE TUNNEL LEADING
TO THE CHIMNEY SHOULD BE REMOVED. AFTER RESTATING THE
EARLIER SOVIET POSITION THAT THE CHIMNEY AND TUNNEL LEAD-
ING TO IT WERE ON SOVIET TERRITORY, KUZNETSOV THEN CON-
CEDED THAT PART OF TUNNEL DID PASS UNDER EMBASSY PROPERTY.
HE CONTINUED TO INSIST, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHIMNEY ITSELF
WAS ON SOVIET TERRITORY AND THAT UPDK HAD A RIGHT TO RE-

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STORE THE CHIMNEY FROM ABUTTING BUILDING. (FYI. IN
SEPT EMBASSY IS REPORTING DETAILS OF SOVIET DRILLING
NEAR THE BASE OF THE CHIMNEY AND IS NOW POSSIBLE TO SEE
INTO THE BASEMENT OF THE NEIGHBORING BUILDING.)

2. CHARGE REPLIED, MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS. FIRST, TH
THE DOCUMENTS IN OUR POSSESSION, AND LOGIC ITSELF, MAKE

IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THE CHIMNEY WAS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE EMBASSY. SECOND, THE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY MADE THIS POSITION CLEAR ON THIS MATTER TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIRD, THE CHARGE WOULD CONVEY KUZNETSOV'S REMARKS TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUT THAT IT WOULD ONLY MAKE A SERIOUS AND DIFFICULT SITUATION WORSE. FOURTH, ANY INTRUSION INTO THE CHIMNEY OR TUNNEL ON EMBASSY PROPERTY WOULD BE A GROSS AND FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE EMBASSY. CHARGE FURTHER STRESSED THAT EVEN WITHOUT REFERENCE TO WASHINGTON HE COULD SAY THAT ANY INTRUSION INTO THE TERRITORY OF EMBASSY BY SOVIET CITIZENS WOULD BE VIEWED AS A SERIOUS AND GRAVE ACT.

3. BOTH KUZNETSOV AND CHARGE REPEATED THEIR POSITIONS SEVERAL TIMES. IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING RE-ENTERING THE CHIMNEY FROM THE NEIGHBORING BUILDING. CHARGE REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER SUCH ACTION AS A GROSS VIOLATION OF THE EMBASSY'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

4. IN VIEW OF KUZNETSOV'S STATEMENT AND EVIDENCE OF INCREASED ACTIVITY NEAR THE TUNNEL AND CHIMNEY (SEE SEPTTEL), THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPT APPROVE FILLING THE CHIMNEY AND TUNNEL WITH RUBLE AND CEMENT. WE PROPOSE FILLING THE CHIMNEY UP TO THE FOURTH FLOOR (ROOF LEVEL OF THE NEIGHBORING BUILDING). UNLESS WE TAKE THIS ACTION
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IT POSSIBLE THAT SOVIETS WILL ENTER THE LOWER PART OF THE CHIMNEY OR POSSIBLY THE RUNNEL ON OUR TERRITORY FROM THE NEIGHBORING BUILDING. ONCE IN THEY MAY BE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO DISLODGE WITHOUT A MAJOR CONFRONTATION.

5. PENDING A DECISION BY AMBASSADOR TOON AND THE DEPARTMENT, WE WILL KEEP A MAN POSTED AT THE BASE OF THE CHIMNEY. PLEASE ADVISE. MATLOCK

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